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On May 31, 2011 the Joint Finance Committee voted to delay the effective date of tiered reimbursement until July 1, 2012. The final effective date will be dependent on the final passage and signing of the budget bill. Due to this budget action, the Department of Children and Families will allow providers who have not completed an application for YoungStar to continue to receive Wisconsin Shares payments on July 1, 2011. This will allow providers time to adjust to the future tiered reimbursement structure and provide additional time to improve the quality of their programs. The department will mail out check stuffers regarding the changes and provide other communications about the final state budget in the next several weeks.